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For: PARTICLE HAVING MAGNETIC MATERIAL INCORPORATED THEREIN,
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, PARTICLE FOR IMMUNOASSAY AND
METHOD OF IMMUNOASSAY

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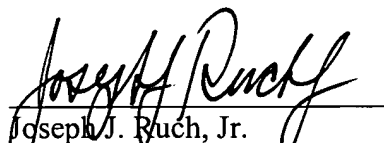
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